

Date: February 20, 2020

To: The Connecticut Environment Committee

Subject: HB 5104 Ban the Importation of Trophy Animals Statement

Dear Environment Committee Members:

My family and I are writing to ask for your support with bill HB 5104 that would ban the importation, possession, sale, or transportation, of the trophies of African giraffes, leopards, African Elephants, lions, leopards, Black Rhinoceros, White Rhinoceros and giraffes. All are considered endangered, or threatened, except for the giraffe, which is considered "vulnerable to extinction."

We believe that the overwhelming majority of Connecticut residents strongly support policies to save imperiled animals from needless slaughter, including trophy hunting, poaching and wildlife trafficking. Trophy hunting is the opposite of what Connecticut residents stand for and want.

HB 5104 provides Connecticut with the opportunity to do its part in protecting endangered, threatened, and vulnerable species from needless slaughter. The Committee passed a similar bill with overwhelming support last year and we look forward to seeing this bill passed by the general assembly. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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